

State of California

Memorandum

To : Dr. Larry L. Eng, Assistant Division Chief.
Environmental Services Division

Date : May 26, 1998

From : Department of Fish and Game

Subject : Review of Preliminary Draft Species Lists for Inclusion in CALFED Conservation Strategy

We appreciate the opportunity to review the preliminary draft species lists for inclusion in CALFED's Conservation Strategy. Overall the species list seems to be complete and the decision criteria comprehensive. To assist in the CALFED effort we offer the following comments:

General Comments:

The argument that a species is not being included due to the fact that the *species is mobile* is not appropriate and could be made, improperly, for all birds and bats that occur in the Delta. We recommend eliminating the use of the X1 notation.

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Specific Comments:

Preliminary Draft List of San Joaquin River Region Species Currently Proposed to be Included in the Conservation Strategy

Page 2 of 10, Aleutian Canada Goose: This species is checked as one that is not likely to be affected. However, the Aleutian Canada goose feeds in some agricultural lands, particularly cultivated fields and therefore should be listed as a species that may be affected.

Page 9 of 10, Hoary bat and silver-haired bat: We recommend including these species even though they are not listed. Hoary bats and silver-haired bats are summer residents of riparian and wooded habitats, roost in trees, and therefore could be affected by CALFED activities.

Preliminary Draft List of Bay Region Species Currently Proposed to be Included in the Conservation Strategy

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Page 2 of 10, Lange's Metalmark: Correct the capitalization of the common and scientific names.

Page 3 of 10, American peregrine falcon: Add an "X" to show whether this species will or will not be affected.

Preliminary Draft List of Sacramento River Region Species Currently Proposed to be Included in the Conservation Strategy

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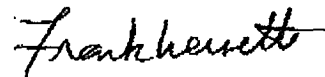
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Species Removed from the CALFED Conservation Strategy Species List by Jones & Stokes Associates

Define the meaning of the placement of the Xs. Does the X signify that the species will remain in the write-up for that region, or just the opposite?

One final note. It was my understanding that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service stopped using the "candidate" designation. If that is true, that classification should be deleted from the list.

That concludes our comments at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input and we look forward to reviewing additional documents in the future. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Laurie Briden of my staff at (209) 942-6071 or CALNET 423-6071.



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